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SUBJECT: PERMREP LUNCH, FRIDAY APRIL 6

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SUMMARY: DISCUSSION AT LUNCH COVERED LUNS' TRIP TO U. S.;
NEED FOR CONSULTATION WITH PROSPECT OF SUMMIT MEETINGS;
FUTURE ROLE OF MBFR WORKING GROUP; AND NATO SECURITY. SEPTELS
REPORT ON PROPOSED NAVOCFORMED VISIT TO BARCELONA; SACLANT
SYMPOSIUM; AND DANISH DEFENSE PLANS. END SUMMARY

1. LUNS VISIT TO U. S. - DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) MADE EXTENDED
STATEMENT ON LUNS' FORTHCOMING VISIT AND USED IT TO URGE
CAREFUL AND TIMELY CONSULTATIONS IN COUNCIL IN CONNECTION
WITH ANTICIPATED EAST- WEST SUMMIT MEETINGS. DE STAERCKE SAID
THAT HE HOPED LUNS WOULD TELL THE OFFICIALS HE MEETS IN WASHINGTON
THAT WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF HIGH- LEVEL BILATERAL CONTACTS
(BRANDT TO THE U. S., BREZHNEV TO BONN AND THE U. S.), THE
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IMPACT ON PUBLIC OPINION WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED. NOT
ONLY WHAT IS SAID IN SUMMIT MEETINGS, BUT THE FACT OF THE VISITS

THEMSELVES AND THE ATTENDANT PUBLICITY MAKE THE PUBLIC FEEL THAT THEIR FATE AND FATE OF THE WORLD IS INVOLVED. TO SOME EXTENT, DE STAERCKE OBSERVED, THE PUBLIC IS RIGHT. HOWEVER, AN ADVERSE EFFECT OF THIS IS THAT IT TENDS TO DEVALUE THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL IN THE MINDS OF THE PUBLIC BECAUSE THE STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE, WHICH HELPS TO MAKE SUCH INITIATIVES POSSIBLE, IS LESS DRAMATIC. IN STRONG TERMS DE STAERCKE WENT ON TO SAY THAT WITHOUT FULL AND FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS IN THE COUNCIL -- PREFERABLY PRIOR TO SUMMIT MEETINGS AND CERTAINLY AFTERWARDS -- BILATERAL CONTACTS COULD KILL THE WORK OF THE ALLIANCE.

2. IN SHORT DE STAERCKE SOUGHT TO ARM LUNS WITH A MANDATE FROM THE OTHER PERMREPS FOR HIS USE IN WASHINGTON IN ADVOCATING THAT THERE BE CONSULTATIONS IN THE COUNCIL BEFORE HIGH LEVEL U. S. BILATERAL CONTACTS SUCH AS A BREZHNEV TRIP TO THE U. S., IF THERE IS TO BE SUCH A TRIP, AND CERTAINLY CONSULTATIONS AFTERWARDS. AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE ALLIANCE, DE STAERCKE FEELS THAT LUNS SHOULD INDICATE THAT BILATERAL CONTACTS ARE NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE, BUT THAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID DEVALUATION OF ALLIED CONSULTATIONS IN THE COUNCIL.

3. SPIERENBURG (NETHERLANDS) REENFORCED DE STAERCKE BY REPORTING ON HIS EXPERIENCE IN TELEVISION INTERVIEWS. HE IS FREQUENTLY ASKED WHY THE NETHERLANDS REMAINS IN NATO WHEN NATO IS NO LONGER SO IMPORTANT. SPIERENBURG SAID HIS RESPONSE IS THAT NATO IS THE ONLY WAY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF SECURITY IN EUROPE WITH THOSE NATIONS INVOLVED. SUCH AN ANSWER WOULD NOT BE CREDIBLE TO THE PUBLIC IF IT APPEARS THAT ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IS BEING DONE BY THE BIG COUNTRIES IN BILATERAL SUMMIT MEETINGS.

4. FRG (KRAPF) RECALLED HIS STATEMENT IN THE COUNCIL THE OTHER WEEK THAT FRG WOULD CONSULT WITH THE ALLIES PRIOR TO BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO BONN AND THAT FRG WOULD SEND A SPECIAL REP TO THE COUNCIL FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. ERALP (TURKEY) JOINED DE STAERCKE AND ALSO RECALLED THAT AMBASSADOR KENNEDY HAD SPOKEN OF "YEAR OF EUROPE"; PRESIDENT NIXON'S PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO EUROPE; AND PRESIDENTIAL WILLINGNESS
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TO MEET WITH THE COUNCIL. (I NOTED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD MET WITH THE COUNCIL AT LEAST TWICE SINCE TAKING OFFICE AND WONDERED HOW MANY OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAD MET WITH THE COUNCIL EVEN ONCE.) ERALP CONTINUED THAT AT A TIME WHEN THE U. S. AND EUROPE ARE HAVING WIDELY PUBLICIZED DIFFICULTIES ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, IT IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY FOR THE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH THE COUNCIL AND DEMONSTRATE TO THE PUBLIC THAT, WHERE SECURITY IS INVOLVED THERE IS UNITY. AT A TIME WHEN HIGH LEVEL, BILATERAL CONTACTS ARE SO FREQUENT, IT IS DOUBLY NECESSARY

TO ELEVATE THE COUNCIL IN THE PUBLIC' S VIEW.

6. COMMENT: I EXPECT PERMREPS TO RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT REGULARLY IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, AND TO POINT TO FRG EXAMPLE AND U. S. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO MOSCOW SUMMIT IN ORDER TO ARGUE FOR COMPARABLE TREATMENT IN THE FUTURE. END COMMENT

7. MBFR WORKING GROUP - SPIERENBURG ASKED ABOUT U. S. STATEMENT IN THE MBFR WORKING GROUP APRIL 4 REGARDING THE WG' S FUTURE ROLE. I RESPONDED TO HIS QUERY BY DRAWING UPON STATE 61757, AND SUMMARIZED BY SAYING THAT IF THE COUNCIL NEEDED SPECIFIC STAFF WORK DURING MBFR CONSULTATIONS, IT COULD TURN TO THE SPC OR THE MC; IF COUNCIL NEEDED FURTHER TECHNICAL HELP, THE WORKING GROUP COULD BE ASKED. I SAID IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WAY MBFR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD WORK IS THAT NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS WOULD FEED TECHNICAL GUIDANCE TO THE NEGOTIATORS AND THE PERMREPS. IMPORTANT QUESTIONS WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN COUNCIL, BUT THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THE COUNCIL AS SUCH TO HAVE HEAVY INVOLVEMENT BY MBFR WORKING GROUP.

8. LUNS AGREED WITH ME. DE STAERCKE AND SPIERENBURG SAID THAT OBVIOUS DIFFERENCE OF VIEW WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED IN COUNCIL. WG ITSELF SHOULD NOT DECIDE ITS OWN JURISDICTION. SPIERENBURG AND I BOTH AGREED THAT THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER WG SHOULD BE RETAINED AND, IF SO, WHAT SHOULD ITS ROLE BE. I REITERATED THAT I HAD VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT, AS PRESENTED APRIL 4 IN WG.

9. SECURITY - I ASKED LUNS AND BUSCH (NORWAY) WHETHER ANALYSIS IS BEING MADE OF THE BREAK ON SECURITY BY NORWEGIAN CLERK IN MOSCOW. DE STAERCKE SAID THIS WAS IMPORTANT AND RECALLED THAT IN PREVIOUS INSTANCES REP OF COUNTRY INVOLVED REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL AND THAT SYG' S OFFICE INTERESTED ITSELF IN THE MATTER.

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BUSCH AND LUNS AGREED TO DO IT. ON A SEPARATE MATTER, LUNS REPORTED THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF LEAKS ON MBFR WAS COMPLETED AND THAT KASTL FELT IT DID NOT COME FROM A PERMREPS LUNCH (USNATO 1660).

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